

CANNON DECLARES  
ROOSEVELT IS MOST  
POPULAR AMERICAN

Speaker Rides Hobby at National Press Club,  
and Significant Speech Is Applauded.  
Pinchot, Peary, and Wiley Cheered.

## TIMELY TOPICS FREELY DISCUSSED

## CANNON'S TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT.

Theodore Roosevelt is a great man, the greatest press agent I ever knew. He is a courageous man, and the most popular man in the United States in my time, save only Lincoln, and more popular than Lincoln was when he was alive, more popular than Grant was when he was alive. In my humble sphere as a member of the House I co-operated with Roosevelt. Yet through the influence of some of our specialists the country at large believes that I stood in Roosevelt's way. And yet under Roosevelt's leadership, with a House and Senate fairly in harmony with him, there was more legislation and better legislation during his term of office of a little less than eight years than in any other sixteen years of our history, save alone the period of the civil war and that which followed.—*Speaker Cannon.*

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, in a speech before the National Press Club here to-night, characterized Col. Roosevelt as the most popular man in the United States in many decades.

He had several other things to say about the former President. One of them was that if all the recommendations made by Roosevelt in his messages and by his followers had been enacted into law the budget would be two thousand million dollars a year, instead of a thousand million, as it is now; another that he was the greatest press agent on earth. "Uncle Joe" was in fine form, and he kept several hundred members of the Press Club convulsed with laughter.

Champ Clark, leader of the minority in the House of Representatives; Prof. Willis L. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau; Gifford Pinchot, the conservationist; Commander Peary, the north pole discoverer, and Dr. Wiley, the pure food specialist, were there, and "Uncle Joe" poked a lot of fun at them. It was "hobby night" at the Press Club, and the Speaker reviewed his own and a good many other people's hobbies.

## ALL RIDE HOBBY.

Prof. Moore told about the atmosphere, which he said he loves like a brother; Dr. Wiley talked about digestion, because he said he couldn't see any sense in sending experimental balloons up into the air; Gifford Pinchot rode his conservation horse; Commander Peary side-stepped Dr. Cook and the United States Navy which hasn't made him a rear admiral, and Champ Clark talked history.

Everybody was in happy vein and no offense was taken at any of the jests. Prof. Moore led off with a vivid description of what you find when you get above the six-mile level in the atmosphere.

He grew optimistic when he spoke of what is coming to us as a nation. "Croesus," he said, "will turn in his grave with envy at the wonderful wealth that is coming to this continent."

## Brings in Real Money.

Dr. Wiley, the next speaker, talked in lighter vein. He said there are a great deal more wonderful things about digestion than there are about the upper currents of the air. Prof. Moore, he said, had a hobby that brought him in \$5,000 a year, and he would like to have several of that kind.

He said his special hobby had been nutrition and the best way to utilize the foods we get. Speaking in more serious fashion, Dr. Wiley said he had made it a principle of his public life to "give it to the poor man who has no way of protecting himself, if there is any doubt about a matter."

Mr. Pinchot made a conservation speech which didn't differ greatly from others he has made. When he was introduced by Henry Hall, the presiding officer, he was cheered for several minutes as "the still chief of the conservation service." Mr. Pinchot said conservation aids development; eliminates waste and conduces to the general welfare of the people and of posterity.

He said conservation was not merely an academic question, but one which concerned the man on the street and which had direct association with the high cost of living over which there had been so much outcry recently.

Uncle Joe, in the course of his speech, admitted that there was some doubt in his own mind as to whether he might be returned to Congress. He was not, however, speaking in an entirely serious vein. Said he: "Out in my State where I live and where I get an indorsement when I come back to Congress, and where I have got that indorsement so far I do not

know whether I am going to get it again or not, but they will have a lively time out in my State, you know, we pay more internal revenue tax on the production of alcohol made from corn than in any part of the country."

## Speaker Cannon's Speech.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen—How can I talk about my hobby in ten minutes, after listening to the Weather Bureau man, and the pure food man, and the man for conservation, and the gentleman who is going to lead the south pole, and, last but not least, the leader of the minority—the man of great possibilities?

I agree with brother Clark that the fanatic, the man with one idea in religion, in science, in conservation, in weather, in discovery, are all good people. All have their place. John the Baptist, coming out of the wilderness and proclaiming the coming of the Master, had his place, although, whether he was a saint and eating locusts and wild honey, he had a fully poor living. The Master had his eternal place, but some people think his teachings would have been long delayed had it not been for St. Paul.

"Coming down to modern times, Joseph Smith, the dreamer, had his place, but he would have been undiscovered or forgotten for centuries had it not been for Brigham Young. And so it goes.

## Talks of Conservation.

"Now let us come to the conservation hobby—and it is a hobby. Conservation is all right. I never have been scared about the coal giving out or about the forests being properly utilized. There has been, and will be, something of waste. I have never been scared about those magnificent land grants that were the means of crossing the continent, spanning the desert, and tunnelling the mountains.

"Now, sometimes scientists and conservation people run wild. I am sorry Pinchot is not here, because I like him. He is an able man. You said, Mr. Chairman, that he is still Chief Forester. Well, he is Chief Forester, I guess, in the estimation of the people, but he is not still. An uncomfortable subordinate! So is Wiley. They are both great men.

"Why, Champ, if in the providence of God you had been President and had a Cabinet, and you had had under you two men in subordinate positions like those men, they would have been out of the public service in a holy minute, because they were the whole shooting match, and the Secretary had great trouble in being Secretary.

"After all, Dr. Wiley has his place, and is doing a great work. When I get up to take a drink, and when I see alcohol about 90 per cent in the whisky and the balance water, it disgusts me when he wants me to surprise my stomach by calling for 'blended spirits.'

"Out in my State, you know, where I live and where I get an indorsement when I want to come back to Congress, and where I have gotten that indorsement so far, I do not know whether I am going to get it again or not, but they will have a lively time out in my State. You know we pay more internal revenue tax on the production of alcohol made from corn than in any part of the country.

## Refers to Peary.

"Now as to Peary. What a great thing it was to discover the north pole. I honor him. I honor him because he belongs to the caucasian race and is an American. I honor him for his grit and his energy. From the practical standpoint we cannot get our ice there. There is one bad thing about it, Cook has got the most money out of it so far. I am glad Peary is going down to find the south pole.

"I was awfully sorry when he found the north pole, because the effort of that newspaper man Wellman to get up

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## THE NINA SAFE.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16.—Reports reached here early this morning that the naval tug Nina had been sighted off Long Island on Sunday. The little craft was headed for Boston, ignorant of all the suspense created.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Unsettled; probably rain and colder to-day. Tomorrow probably snow and colder; brisk southerly winds, shifting to northerly.

## QUIZ BIG OFFICIAL.

Chicago Grand Jury Reaching Higher in Beef Probe.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Going direct to the inner offices of the packing concerns and indicating that the Federal beef investigation will surely strike higher up, L. B. Patterson, vice president of the National Packing Company, was called before the Federal grand jury to-day.

This marks the end of the policy of calling clerks and other subordinates in the big packing concerns, whose evidence has been that of office employees solely. In the hearings to come the United States district attorney will call on any and all employees in the industry who by years of experience actually know conditions in the trust as they exist to-day.

The calling of Patterson came as a surprise. In point of importance in the packing world, he excels all other witnesses who have testified thus far.

John Agar, president of the Agar Packing Company and of the Western Packing and Provision Company, was a witness this afternoon. He was with the jury for an hour and made a vigorous defense for the meat industry of the country.

COLLEGE PARK FIT,  
INSISTS AERONAUT

Lieut. Lahm Declares Map Wrong in Measurements.

## BISHOP IS STILL SILENT

Aero President Refuses to Enlighten Enthusiasts.

Delivers Lecture, but Gracefully Sidesteps Issue—Members of Press Guest at Dress Rehearsal When Bishop Addresses 200 Empty Seats. Decision Up to Aviators, Who Are Expected to Favor Local Field.

"The map of College Park furnished to President Bishop must have been wrong in its measurements. There is no difficulty in making turns there, even for racing aeroplanes. I think the aeronauts who would probably represent America in an international meet will agree with me. The College Park course has been tried and found not wanting."

This was the statement of Lieut. Frank P. Lahm, U. S. A., the first man to make official government flights in a heavier-than-air soaring machine, at the luncheon tendered to Cortlandt Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, by the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon.

The military aeronaut declared Mr. Bishop's criticism of College Park will be unanimously refuted by every aerial expert. He said the Wrights, Curtiss, and Paulhan, to whom Bishop referred the final decision as to the merits of the flying course offered by Washington and Baltimore, will agree with him.

## Bishop Still Reticent.

President Bishop passed his second day in Washington without committing himself. He refused to hand out a single ray of hope to the business men and amateur air artists who met in his honor at the Chamber of Commerce. In a lecture last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, 181 Massachusetts avenue, he again gracefully sidestepped the issue. He said the Washington-Baltimore proposition may be accepted by the Aero Club, and that it may not be.

The talk last night to a carefully selected gathering of scientists and their friends, was President Bishop's debut on the lecture platform. After a dress rehearsal in a Pennsylvania avenue moving picture show in the morning, addressed to 200 empty seats and a little bevy of newspaper men in the back row, Mr. Bishop went into the intricacies of technical aviation, with illustrations of recent flying events. He gave scientific prophecies as to future aviation, but nothing was said about where the next big meet of the Aero Club will be held. Members of the press were not "among those present," and one or two timorous reporters who sought admission were told the affair was "by invitation only."

## Aero Club Not Invited.

The Aero Scientific Club was also not invited, but an enthusiastic little gathering of amateurs met at the Y. M. C. A. and talked about aviation and the prospects of the Aero Club of America casting their verdict in favor of College Park.

Mr. Bishop's announcement that the big aviators will have the final say as to whether or not College Park is suited for flying contests was the one topic of conversation among some 500 men intimately interested in the gentle game of soaring yesterday. The general opinion was that the premier aviators will unanimously cast their votes favorably.

A movement was started in the Cham-



ber of Commerce to invite Paulhan and Curtiss to Washington as their guests to view the field and make public their opinion of its advantages. The Capital's most prominent business men took kindly to the idea, and it is expected steps will be taken to have the experts visit the city within a month. The Wright brothers may also be invited here, though they have had ample opportunities to judge the course, and are said to favor College Park over the New York fields, where the weather is always uncertain.

## Field's Possibilities Discussed.

After the reception, Lieut. Lahm, George O. Totten, and President Bishop held a conference and carefully went over the map of College Park, charting out an aviation course and discussing the possibilities of the field. When President Bishop left last night for New York, accompanied by Mr. Totten, he took the map with him, together with Lieut. Lahm's estimates and technical notes.

"I must say," said President Bishop to the business men and aviators at the Chamber of Commerce, "if every city would take the same interest in aeronautics as Washington is showing, the science would progress by leaps and bounds. As to bringing the meet here, I will say frankly that had I the choice in my own hands, Washington would stand an excellent chance. As I have no choice, as the matter rests largely upon physical questions, contour, and ground levels and such, I can make no promise. As I have said before, there are certain physical obstacles in the way, and should they prove insurmountable, I should regret it."

The question arose during the reception as to whether or not foreign aviators would be willing to risk litigation with the Wrights and enter an international meet here. Mr. Bishop disposed of it by saying the Wrights will be asked in advance what their attitude will be; and it was suggested by President William F. Gude that at the same time they be allowed to express their opinion as to the most suitable scene for the soaring convention.

## Satisfactory to Wrights.

As a matter of fact, Wilbur Wright stated last week when he was in Washington that the brothers will not block the plans of the Aero Club in any way. Among those who were at the Chamber of Commerce reception were Dr. W. W. Christian, Rexford Smith, H. Chandler Hunter, Samuel Luttrell, Edward Boeckh, Robert Moore, Emma Berlinek, E. H. Young, F. L. Rice, Nathaniel Luttrell, Charles Avery, Lieut. Frank P. Lahm, U. S. A.; Lieut. Frederick Humphries, U. S. A.; Gen. James Allen, U. S. A.; Lieut. Frank P. Long, U. S. A.; A. Lettwith Sinclair, Daniel J. Callahan, and Joseph Richardson.

ARREST BROTHERS  
FOR GIRL'S DEATH

Atlantic City Mystery May Be Near Solution.

Atlantic City, Feb. 15.—In response to a telegram from Philadelphia that two men had been arrested, answering the description of William Seyler and his brother Orvis, who are wanted in connection with the death of eighteen-year-old Jane Adams, a detective and brother of the dead girl started for Philadelphia to view the suspects.

The father of the dead girl begged that he be allowed to accompany them to Philadelphia, but fear that he might attempt to kill Seyler, if one of the suspects is identified as he, prompted his being kept at home.

Police to-day declare that Seyler detained Miss Adams on the pier and refused to let her return home with her sister Alice, who called her. Alice told the story to the police and said that her sister called back, "He won't let me go."

The night was dark and the surf rolling, and the sister heard no more. At the time Jane and Seyler were out at the end of the pier.

The sister, according to her story, then went home with Arvis. When her sister did not return search was started. Then followed the warrant against William Seyler, his disappearance with his brother, and the finding of the body of Miss Adams on the ice.

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QUADRUPLE KIN FETE  
TOPS NOVELTY MARK

Marriage, Centennial Birthday, and Two Wedding Anniversaries Take Washingtonians to Scene in Baltimore.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 15.—A quadruple celebration, the 100th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Rachel Freedman, the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of her granddaughter, Mrs. Louis Richter; the fifth wedding anniversary of her granddaughter, Mrs. Benjamin Bodick, of Washington, D. C., and the wedding of a great granddaughter, Miss May Richter, to Paul M. Balterman, of Washington, D. C., took place at 1708 McCulloch street to-night. The musicians present also attended the wedding of Mrs.

Richter twenty-five years ago, and of Mrs. Bodick, five years ago.

Mrs. Bodick, of Washington, who celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary, is the daughter of Mrs. Louis Richter, of 806 North Bond street, Baltimore. She moved to Washington soon after her marriage. Miss Richter, who was married to-night to Mr. Balterman, of Washington, becomes the bride of the proprietor of a tailoring establishment at 421 New York avenue, Washington. There are five generations in the Freedman family, and guests were present from Washington, Pittsburg, and Norfolk.

CONGER DISCLOSES  
MORE CORRUPTION

Bridge Legislation Bought in 1902 as Well as in 1901.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 15.—There is to be an additional legislative investigation of the distribution of bridge corruption funds between the years 1901 and 1902 at the conclusion of the Aldis trial.

Senator Benn Conger admitted on the stand to-day that aside from the bridge corruption fund of 1901, the bridge interests raised a fund in 1902 which was turned over to the chairman of the Republican State committee, and that a fund was raised to influence legislation in 1903 and a partial fund raised in 1905. He had no personal knowledge of a fund having been raised to influence legislation in 1904, nor did he indicate who got any of these funds raised since 1901, except the chairman of the Republican State committee of 1902, who was Col. George W. Dunn, of Birmingham.

Senator Conger admitted enough on the stand to-day under the questioning of Senator Newcomb to cause the senators, generally, to admit that when the Aldis trial is finished, another legislative investigation must be had to ascertain who got the other corruption funds. Whether this investigation will be continued by the senate at the conclusion of the Aldis trial or whether it will be inaugurated by a joint legislative committee is undecided.

Senator J. M. Wainwright introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint legislative committee of three senators and five assemblymen to inquire into the disposition of bridge corruption funds raised subsequent to 1901, and giving this committee \$50,000 for expenses.

Senator Wainwright introduced this resolution before the additional testimony of Senator Conger was brought out to-day. The resolution was referred to the finance committee.

Only under instructions from the presiding officer, Senator George A. Davis, after repeated refusals to answer, did Senator Conger agree to enlighten the senators as to whether he knew in whose hands the corruption funds had been placed. The only definite information secured from Senator Conger, whereby these funds can be followed, was that the fund raised in 1901 was accumulated by the Grant Bridge Company, and that the 1902 fund went to the chairman of the Republican State committee. This last admission was unexpected and not desired by Senator Newcomb, who merely wanted to get Senator Conger on record sufficiently to enable the investigation to be pursued later.

## Elegant Furniture at Auction.

A wonderful assemblage of rare and elegant furniture in rich mahogany, a collection of Persian rugs and carpets, a fine library, china, glass, ornaments, curios, &c., will be sold at Sloan's, 187 G street, to-day, at 11 and 3. Commencing with No. 1 of the catalogue. This sale offers a grand opportunity to furnish your home in the quiet and elegant taste of the connoisseur, at the prices of ordinary appointments, and at the same time you are making a profitable investment, and laying by money, or its value, for the future generation. Catalogues at Sloan's, 187 G street.

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HE DARES STONE  
TO "SHOW HAND"

Hadley Challenges Recount of Primary Ballots.

"PROVE IT OR GET OUT"

"Failure a Confession," Says Governor of Missouri.

Asks Senator to Resign if Investigation Shows Fraud, and Would Appear Folk to His Place—Otherwise, He Says, He Would Run for the Senate Against Him—Ballots Not Burned, He Declares.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 15.—Gov. Hadley, in a statement to-day, declared that the St. Louis ballots in the Folk-Stone Senatorial primary were not burned on the day before he made his charge of fraud in connection with Stone's nomination, and Stone's statement that they were a falsehood.

If Stone is willing, Hadley wants to make a recount of the vote, and he has wired Gov. Folk for the latter's consent. If they consent, the recount will begin at once. If the recount shows Stone to have been nominated through fraud, the governor asks him to resign and says he will appoint Folk.

His statement follows: "The defense of Senator Stone that I waited until the day after the Senatorial primary ballots were burned before I made my charge of fraud is an unqualified falsehood. The ballots have not been burned, either in Kansas City or St. Louis.

## Challenged to Last Stand.

"If Senator Stone is willing to meet the issue of facts he will consent for the ballots to be recounted. I wired Gov. Folk, asking for his consent to the recount to-day. If the consent of Stone and Folk is secured, the recount will begin at once, with their representatives present. If it is found that Stone was not honestly nominated, he should resign, and I will appoint Folk as his successor; and then, if Stone will consent to run again, I will agree to run against him, in case Folk will not contest with him."

"Stone now has an opportunity to show his faith and the honesty of his nomination by consenting to a recount. If he declines, it cannot but be accepted as a confession that he holds his office by a tainted and imperfect title."

## FOUR LOOT BANK.

Bind and Gag Policeman Before Blowing Safe.

Chatsworth, Ill., Feb. 15.—Four handits to-day robbed the Citizens' National Bank of Chatsworth of \$8,000.

They forced their way into the bank by wrecking the front part of the building with nitroglycerin. They then blew open the door of the vault and helped themselves to about \$6,000 in paper, \$2,000 in silver, and many bond and stock certificates.

Unmasked and flourishing revolvers they approached William Cahill, a policeman, and commanded him to hold up his hands. They tied and gagged him and then dragged him to a garage, where they left him.

Near by they found Albert Kerber, a baker. They tied and gagged him also and left him in the garage.

The robbers drove away in a carriage. Posses are in pursuit.

## PERISH IN FIRE.

Three Children Burned to Death in Tenement.

New York, Feb. 15.—Three children lost their lives in a tenement fire at 102 Jay street, Greenpoint. Frank and Michael Schim, four and two years of age, perished in their parents' rooms on the first floor, and Catherine Craig, five years old, was found dead on the top floor. While Mrs. Schim was away a fire was discovered in the house and the firemen were called. It is thought that the Schim children set fire to the house while playing with matches.

## NEW YORK TO DO HONOR.

Aldermen Plan "Royal" Welcome for Roosevelt.

New York, Feb. 15.—At the meeting of the Aldermen to-day, a resolution was submitted by Alderman Johnson, the Republican floor leader, authorizing the president of the board to appoint a committee to arrange for a celebration of the home-coming of Mr. Roosevelt.

The resolution proposed that the committee "meet the returning distinguished citizen who has rendered non-partisan service to his country, down the bay on the day of his arrival and there extend to him a royal welcome."

The resolution also called on the governor to issue a proclamation requesting the people of the State to observe the day as one of rejoicing for Mr. Roosevelt's safe return.

Alderman Dowling, the Tammany leader, promptly moved that the resolution be sent to the committee on rules, and it was. Mr. Johnson said he had introduced at the request of the officers of the Roosevelt League.

## Bannard No Candidate.

New York, Feb. 15.—Otto Bannard, who, it has been reported, was in line for chairman of the Republican State Committee, to succeed Timothy L. Woodruff, said to-day that he would not take the office.

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